

**Senate File 172 - Introduced**

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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to a pilot program to allow Medicaid members to  
2 participate in direct health care agreements.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. DIRECT HEALTH CARE AGREEMENTS — MEDICAID  
2 MEMBERS — PILOT PROGRAM. The department of health and human  
3 services shall develop and oversee a pilot program beginning  
4 January 1, 2024, and ending December 31, 2025, to allow  
5 Medicaid members in specified categories to receive health  
6 care services, as defined in section 135N.1, through a direct  
7 health care agreement, with the Medicaid program acting as the  
8 third-party payor for such services utilizing state-only funds.  
9 The eligible Medicaid member categories shall include childless  
10 adults and pregnant women.

11 EXPLANATION

12 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with  
13 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

14 This bill requires the department of health and human  
15 services to develop and oversee a pilot program beginning  
16 January 1, 2024, and ending December 31, 2025, to allow  
17 Medicaid members in specified categories to receive health  
18 care services through a direct health care agreement, with  
19 the Medicaid program acting as the third-party payor for such  
20 services utilizing state-only funds. The eligible Medicaid  
21 member categories shall include childless adults and pregnant  
22 women.